



AUTUMN TERM 2022

HEIRS & MAKERS

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the very first edition of our new end of term publication, Heirs and Makers. At the end of each full term we intend to produce a summary newsletter to share all of the exciting opportunities and experiences that students at the school have been involved in, including celebrating various team and individual achievements. Full reports can be found in our regular newsletter, The Wallington Week, as well as on the school website.



It has been a busy term with numerous trips taking place, including a wide variety of curriculum related trips such as the A level Politics visit to the Houses of Parliament, the Year 10 Photography visit and Year 13 Geography residential in Dorset. WHSG also undertook the first Enrichment day of the year back in November which was packed full of exciting activities. Students have also been involved in lots of competitions, for example the Hans Woyda or the Trinity College, Cambridge Linguistic essay competition.

The autumn has seen a lot of sporting success, with the Year 10 netball continuing their unbeaten run and two Wallington students finishing in the top 10 runners in the English School's cross-country championships. There have also been notable individual successes such as Frema in Year 9 becoming the British National Judo Champion or Chloe in Year 12 becoming the British National Trampoline Champion.

And not to mention, the huge range of fantastic events, such as the Fusion Showcase, our Winter Concert as well as our annual GCSE Prize Giving. With so much talent, involvement and achievement taking place across the school, I hope you enjoy reading this first edition of Heirs and Makers.

- Mr R Booth

Fusion Showcase 2022

One of the highlights of this term was the Fusion Showcase, organised and led by our Sixth Form students, with Saathana and Eva, Year 13, as leads and hosts. It was an opportunity for all cultures and ethnicities at WHSG to be represented through creative outlets such as singing, dancing and poetry. Acts included Bharatanatyam and Afro-Beats, plus incredible singing performances and even some steel drums! A huge number of students were involved, not only in the performances, but also in marketing, production, backstage and front of house so thank you to everyone, especially the hosts and Abi, Aretha, Lakshmitha and their teams. The event raised over £1000 for The African Caribbean Leukaemia Trust and Child's First UK.



Year 13 go to Dorset

For the last week of September, Year 13 Geography students enjoyed an engaging and busy week of A-level fieldwork. They began in Portsmouth, investigating the success of regeneration in the Gunwharf Quays area, before travelling to Osmington Bay in Dorset, where they stayed for the remainder of the week. Each day presented a new opportunity to develop skills by completing tasks such as field sketches, wave classification, beach profiling and interviewing members of the public.



GCSE Prizegiving

Our annual GCSE Prizegiving took place on Wednesday 30th November and this is always an important opportunity to recognise and celebrate our students' achievements at GCSE as well as their contribution to the wider life of the school. Our Guest of Honour was Soumya Jud, ex-Wally girl and currently working for a tech start-up company. As well as presenting the prizes and certificates, she provided some inspiring words and guidance to the students including the importance of savouring the little moments each day and being in the 'now' along with the fact that life will put hurdles in their way, people will make mistakes but then learn the lessons to help you grow and develop. Parents, students and guests then enjoyed refreshments and the opportunity to take photographs afterwards.



English Judo Champion

Frema, in Year 9, is now the current Judo English champion in her weight category in the All Juniors English Programme. This programme leads on to the senior Team GB stage so we wish her all the best on her continued journey!



British Trampoline Champion

Huge congratulations to Chloe in Year 12 who recently won the gold medal for her age group and category in the British Trampoline League Finals. The British Finals were held at the Lee Valley Velodrome in Stratford on Saturday 19th November. Twenty-two girls had qualified for the finals which consisted of a set routine (where all athletes had the same routine) and a voluntary routine. Chloe was placed fourth after two routines, making the final where she performed a superb voluntary routine and won the competition outright by 0.5 points from the silver medal winner. This is a huge achievement and certainly Chloe's biggest sporting success to date now being crowned gold medal winner and British Champion.



Sutton Sings Chirsmas

On Thursday 8th December, the school Chamber Choir took part in the Sutton Sings Christmas concert at St. Andrew's Church. The concert brought together local schools to perform both solo and group pieces. It was a great opportunity for the choir to sing as part of a larger group as well as develop their confidence while performing.

Hans Woyda

On Friday 14th October a group of four students: Amelia Year 9, Hala Year 11, Naomi Year 12 and Yuvathi Year 13 represented Wallington in the first round of the Hans Woyda Mathematics competition. They played against Nonsuch and it was an incredibly close match. They were leading up until the last round, however Nonsuch won the race section giving them a narrow victory. The team are looking forward to the next round in which they play Sutton Grammar.



Multiple Medical Interviews

On Wednesday 21st September the school ran a set of multiple mini interviews. The evening consisted of a talk from St George's hospital and various interview stations staffed by medics/trainee medics. There were also student helpers who performed as patients to make interviews more realistic.

Extremism in France - Reading University Lecture

Year 12 and 13 French students had the great opportunity of being able to watch a lecture on 'Extremism in France' by Professor John Mckean from the University of Reading. This lecture allowed us to discuss both recent and historical events in France, which have had a significant impact on current political thinking in France.

BHM Poetry Slam

As part of Black History Month Celebrations, the school held a Poetry Slam. It was a brilliant display of talent and intellectual creativity, with some outstanding performances and a fantastic opportunity to understand more about what Black History Month means to students at WHSG.

BHM Guest Speaker

As part of Black History month, the Afro Caribbean Society invited George Imafidon into school to talk about how he has grown as a young black individual to now be working alongside industry greats such as Sir Lewis Hamilton as an engineer and supporting young engineers from diverse backgrounds in their careers. The ACS wanted to showcase current and relevant successful black figures to provide students within our school community with more role models and success stories.

Winter Concert

On Tuesday 6th December, the Music Department hosted our termly school concert, featuring the ensembles which rehearse regularly throughout the week, as well as some featured soloists. Mr Cox led the programme with the orchestra playing themes from Harry Potter and Pirates of the Caribbean and closed with the recently formed Jazz Band with three standards including 'Take Five'. Our vocal groups and choirs also made wide ranging contributions to the concert, including musical theatre numbers and some festive items, with a mashup from our A Capella group Noteworthy, led by Grace in Year 12. We were also delighted to have students taking part in the concert for the first time, including a good number of Year 7 students joining our Junior Choir amongst other groups.



Tough Mudder Challenge

Congratulations to Mr Carr, Ms Chatfield, Mr Ghundale, Ms Horton and Mr Parkinson who completed the 15k Tough Mudder course one weekend in October. Despite the mud, ice cold water, high climbing and electric shocks they were all still smiling!

NCS Star School

WHSG has been awarded the Gold Status Recognition Award by the National Citizenship Service for achieving more than thirty National Citizenship sign ups from our 2022 Year 11 and Year 12 cohorts, and who contributed at least thirty hours of social action in their local area.

European Day of Languages

During the final week of September, students celebrated European Day of Languages by completing a language quiz and tasting different European dishes such as churros and chocolate sauce, chicken Cordon Bleu, minestrone soup and vegetable parmigiana from the canteen.

CCF at WHSG

At the start of the year, the CCF welcomed forty Year 9 students, who all completed their basic recruit training and passed, to become Cadets, at the annual recruits camp in February, held at the Longmoor Military Base. On the Army side, WHSG cadets have participated in many excursions including: Exercises Alexander and Cambrai, the annual summer camp and shooting ranges. A key highlight was the Cadre in conjunction with St. Benedict's school, where WHSG cadets were in the winning squad, were highly-commended and one even the best cadet! On the RAF side, cadets went on trips, including powered flying, gliding and the Drill & Ceremonial camp. The RAF team won both the regional and national Royal Air Squadron Trophy competitions after many months of hard work. Our cadets also went on regional Cadres, with a WHSG cadet winning best in the entire South-East region! Members of the CCF also played a pivotal role in two Remembrance events at City hall and at Croydon Minster.

Trinity College Cambridge - Linguistics Essay Prize

Congratulations to Hannah in Year 13 who was highly commended for her essay submitted to the Trinity College Cambridge Linguistics Essay Prize 2022. Hannah's essay covered an innovative method of communication called "code-switching" and the impact this technique could have on an individual and their emotional and intellectual development.



Year 12 Social

The Sixth Form held a student social for Year 12 as part of their transition into Sixth Form. (See image above).

"The Year 12 Social was a great way to let off some steam and have some fun with new and old friends after making the big leap into Year 12. Everyone had a great time and there was lots of laughter getting to know each other."

- Eleanor, Y12

Year 12 & 13 Oxo Tower - Materials Matter Exhibition

On Friday 23rd September, Year 12/13 Design and Technology students ventured into London to learn about the importance of materials and their ability to shape our lives. They attended the Materials Matters Exhibition in the Oxo Tower and the event provided the A level students with the opportunity to learn about different sustainable materials.

Year 9 Enrichment visit

In November the whole of Year 9 went to visit the London Docklands Museum. At the Museum students discovered more about aspects of black history and also had the opportunity to see the modern side of the London Docklands in Canary Wharf. As part of their studies in Art on Design and Architecture, students also toured Canary Wharf and took sketches and photographs of the architecture. The day was a really enjoyable and interesting one.

British Nutrition Foundation Drummond Award 2022

Earlier this term, Millie in Year 12 won the British Nutrition Foundation Drummond Award 2022 for obtaining the highest grade for her GCSE Food preparation and Nutrition exam in the country. The award was presented at a ceremony at the Royal College of Physicians and she was accompanied by Mrs Beale, Head of Food and Nutrition. This was indeed a tremendous achievement and highlighted the dedication that Millie put into her Food and Nutrition studies.



Year 11 Study Skills Day

Year 11 took part in a carefully curated Study Skills day on Thursday 22nd September.

As one student said:

“Overall, I think this day was enjoyable and informative, advising us on the most useful and productive study techniques and highlighting the importance of prioritising wellbeing. It has really helped me feel more prepared for the upcoming exams.”

Black History Month Celebrations

The Afro Caribbean Society wanted to make Black History Month a significant one that sparked interest and conversation within the school. They led assemblies across the school, discussing why Black History Month should not be celebrated in just one month, but rather how it should be integrated into our studies all year round to recognise the importance that Black history plays in our society. There were a number of events during the month which were an opportunity to connect with various students and allow them to speak up about topics which interest them.

Drama Club

Year 7-9 Drama Club is a fun and warm environment where students can further their knowledge through games, activities and group discussions. This half term, the students have been working on improvisation, through various games and activities used to improve their spontaneity, and next half term the students will be working on devising their own pieces using stimuli in small groups, ready to perform around Christmas time.



(Photo from a Y8 Drama lesson).

Visit from Elliot Colburn: MP for Carshalton and Wallington

On Wednesday 12th October local MP Elliot Colburn came to school to talk to Year 9 about his career in politics and answer questions. This session formed part of the students' learning about democracy, government and politics which they have been covering in PSHCE this term. Year 9 were engaged and asked lots of intelligent and insightful questions.

A Level Politics visit

Year 12 and 13 A-Level Politics classes had the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament in Westminster on Monday 21st November. We had a tour of Westminster Hall where we saw 'New Dawn: A light sculpture to celebrate women's suffrage' and learned more about the women's fight for the right to vote, the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Finally at the end of our tour we had the opportunity to talk with the local MP for Carshalton and Wallington Elliot Colburn and question him on current events in politics. Overall, it was an incredibly fun and informative trip packed with historical knowledge as to why our political system runs the way that it does today.



Frantic assembly theatre visit

Year 10, 12 and 13 enjoyed a visit to the National Theatre to see "The Boy with Two Hearts". It was an incredibly emotional and captivating play, despite only having six actors on stage, playing multiple roles. Even with limited space, the transitions between locations near seamless helping to show the Amiri family's journey from Afghanistan across Europe as refugees.

Anime Club competition winners

The Anime Club recently held an Anime character design competition. Urja achieved 1st place, Advika placed 2nd and Gua Gua placed 3rd. Entries to this competition were incredibly creative and honourable mentions include: Grace, Isabel, Summayya and Averie.

Physical Challenge Day

Year 10 recently visited the Camelot Events Activity Centre where they took part in a variety of team building tasks including astronaut training, wheelbarrow races, memory rebuild tasks, tug of war and lots more.



Year 10 Photography visit

On Wednesday 13th October, Year 10 Photography students visited Central London where they were able to practice using manual camera settings on their digital cameras. During their visit to London, students visited Hay's Galleria, Old City Hall & Queen's Walk, Tower Bridge, The Tower of London, St Dunstan in the East Church Garden, Garden @ 120, Leadenhall Market and Borough Market, walking miles to get the best shots.



Port Lympe Safari Park

On Enrichment day, Year 8 enjoyed a trip to Port Lympe Safari Park. Students got to see a number of animals during a safari where they were introduced to animals from each continent.

Using these experiences, students will produce a piece of creative writing detailing the highlights of their visit.



Winning photo of Port Lympe Photography competition, taken by Christina, Year 8

Primary Outreach

Having done outreach work with local Primary Schools for a number of years now, this year WHSG has joined forces with the other Sutton Grammar schools to deliver an English and Maths programme to Year 5 students in the borough. This is designed to raise the aspirations of local children in order to show them that grammar schools are an option for them.

Thus far we have been working with Beddington Primary Academy, Hackbridge Primary and Barrow Hedges and the feedback has been extremely positive. Next term we welcome Rushey Meadow and Stanley Park. Thank you to all the Year 12 volunteers as well as Miss Tucker who has coordinated Maths across the grammar schools and Mrs Broadbent who teaches the English sessions.

A Grand Day Out

In the Sixth Form, Year 12 enjoyed taking part in their 'Grand Day Out'. In groups, students had to plan their itineraries and travel, whilst taking into account the need to visit several activities and keep the day relevant for every person within the group. Some of the activities included: Faraday Museum, British Library and the National Maritime Museum. Some groups also managed to find free lectures that were running on the day and were able to join them, giving them a taste of the university experience.

Year 11 Theatre Trip

Following a fortnight of mock examinations, Year 11 went to see "Life of Pi" at the Wyndham's Theatre as part of the autumn enrichment programme. Students had the opportunity to explore the Christmas Markets in Covent Garden before attending the matinee performance. Our students were treated to the very best of what theatre has to offer in terms of spectacle and at the heart of the performance, a profound message about hope, faith and determination.

Science Museum visit

For enrichment day, Year 7 visited the Science museum. They started in the IMAX cinema where they saw the most amazing 3D film about the International Space Station – a truly awe inspiring and an amazing experience. Form classes then did self-tours of the museum to look at all the amazing Science and Technological developments over the years. Sharman managed to find Helen Sharman's space suit, whilst Johnson had a group photo under Amy Johnson's plane that flew from London to Australia. A great day was had by all.

Sports at WHSG

Senior Rugby

Senior rugby players from Year 10 upwards have been training hard this term in preparation for fixtures against other schools in the Spring. We have had a lot of new players join at the beginning of the year, many of whom have never played before, and they are already shaping up to be a formidable side. We look forward to next term's fixtures, which includes Tiffin and hopefully WCGS.



Year 7 Netball

The Year 7 Netball season has started with some fantastic matches against Oaks Park, Ewell Castle, Caterham and Epsom College so far. The students have been organised, motivated and have the desire to learn and develop their skills and they are most definitely doing that! Well done for a fantastic first term! Here's to the second part of the season and some wins to accompany the hard work and resilience you continue to show!



Year 9 Netball

EDSC Swimming Championships

One of our students, Anna Year 8, recently took part in the EDSC Swimming Championships, where she took part in twenty races and was awarded eighteen medals: four gold (50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke and 100m backstroke), nine silver medals and five bronze. She achieved many PBs and in the 50m and 100m breaststroke, she raced the top age group girls in the club and won!

Y8 Netball

The Year 8 Netball teams have had an unbelievable term. The A&B teams have secured many victories against tough competition, some of which they have won by over 20 goals. All four teams A-D have shown outstanding commitment, have taken part in training with a Surrey coach and have consequently made an unbelievable amount of progress. They should all be extremely proud of their effort and achievement.

Year 11/Senior Netball

The Year 11 and Senior netball teams have played some great games in the last few weeks. In particular they played some of their best netball against Epsom College winning two games and losing one. Yetunde, Fortune and Romoluwa gained 'Player of Match'. The Year 11 A&B played terrifically against Sutton High however they narrowly lost both games, with Layla and Maisy receiving 'Player of the Match'. All teams have made impressive progress this half term, and I look forward to seeing them achieve even more as a team after the Christmas break.

Year 10 Netball

The Year 10 netball squad have had a great start to the season, with both A&B teams being unbeaten in all league games so far. The squad put out amazing performances against Epsom College earlier this month, against a very well drilled and high performing opposition, both teams held their own and put up a great fight! Well done to Bethany, Ollie and Oumou who were all nominated as 'Player of the match' for these games. We are looking forward to the rest of the season with lots more league matches to be played!

Football

In November the U13 football team travelled to Sutton United FC to play in their first tournament of the season. Our defensive line and Goalkeeper were fantastic – only conceding 1 goal in 4 matches played. We look forward to the spring term where we have lots of fixtures booked in!

Cross Country

We have had two successful performances from our cross country team this term in both the English Schools Cross Country championships and the local Sutton School Cross Country competition. Congratulations to Maia and Holly who finished in the top 10 for their age category, competing at an extremely high standard!

Table Tennis

In November, two Wallington teams played in the U13 and U16 categories, against other schools in the Jack Petchey South London Table Tennis Tournament. It was great to see new students representing the school and competing at a high standard. After playing in tough and close matches, both teams won 3rd position. We also look forward to seeing Anishka and Yuvathi compete in the U18 finals next term.

Sports Leaders

Our Year 12 Sports Leaders have helped to organise two amazing indoor athletics competitions this term, with over 20 primary schools in attendance. They rose to the challenge and worked incredibly hard to run a number of throwing and jumping events as well as a series of relay races and obstacle courses that the children absolutely adored. The leaders had numerous primary school staff members congratulate them on such a well organised event!



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